



# Afro-American Courier



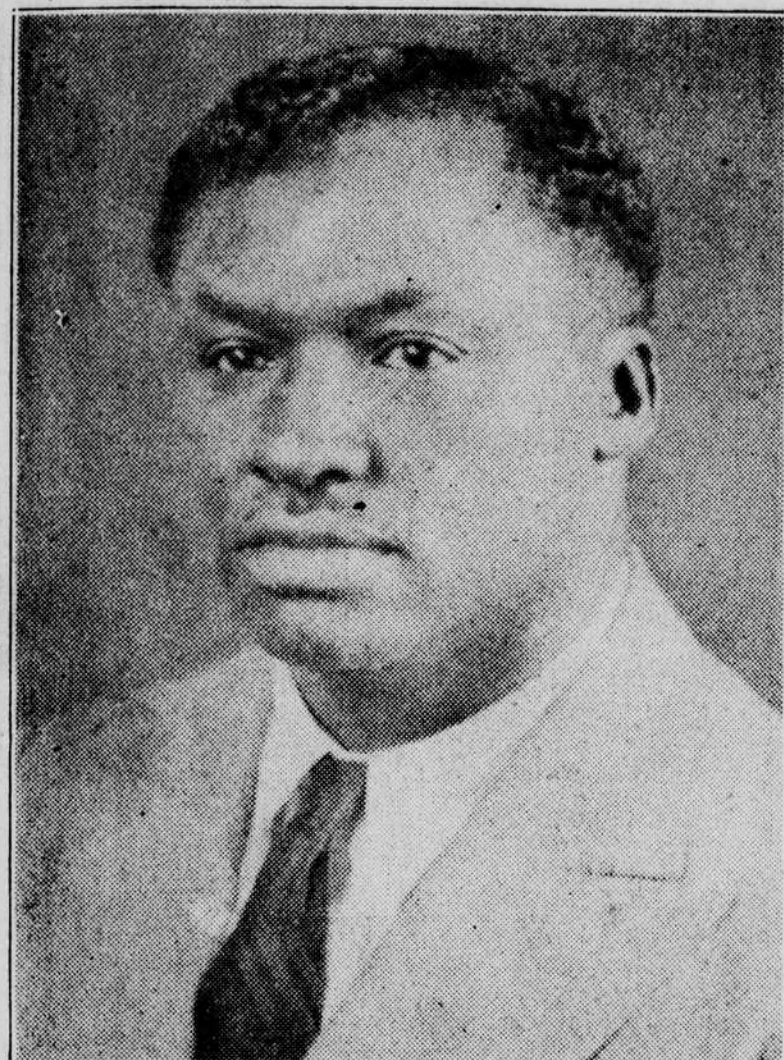
Our Motto: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

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## MEMBERS MUST BE SIX MONTHS OLD IN ORGANIZATION.

### A GREAT LEADER.



T. J. HUDDLESTON, SR.

When one remembers these lines from Kipling, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, and blaming it on you"—will find that when you have tried to do something which you know to be right, but which was also difficult, can appreciate these lines and know how much courage it takes to do it.

"Cousin Tom," as we might call the Founder of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, knowing it was not the danger and hardship of the act itself that would keep him or the most of us from embarking on new and noble adventures—its the fear of being misunderstood—laughed at—criticized—snubbed, founded the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. This great leader, keeping in mind the old saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me," knows that words can do irreparable harm. But, having God at the helm kept on fighting for the truth, and today stands out as a living monument for coming generations.

"Cousin Tom" is following in the footsteps of the Lowly Nazarene, doing all the good he can for suffering humanity. He is pouring out his soul daily in order that much good can be carried on. He has the stamina of being able to stand the eternal censure of the people. Some days he might be lonely, but he will be free, because of the good deeds he is doing every day. Sometimes on his long and tiresome journeys he will miss the comforts of life, and, perhaps the plaudits of popularity, but he feels the fire and fury of this great adventure which many may never know. His youth is renewed, he is encouraged, his spirit is exalted, and his life opens out and out into splendid possibilities.

He has set an example to us in standing for which we believe in going all the way down the line. So to you great leader we believe your hope is in a great cause and truly the founding of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters is a great undertaking. We believe further that your greatest hope is to seek how to live on for the cause of suffering humanity. May God give you the inspiration, the incentive, and it is left with you to furnish the remainder.

We say to you live on, until the twilight of this day shall break into the everlasting mid-day of eternity.

CHARLIE W. STEWART.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

We, the office force of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, wish for Mr. I. E. Edwards, of Mound Bayou, Miss., a happy Birthday. May God bless him with a long life that he may continue his good work for the organization.

T. J. HUDDLESTON, JR.,  
Business Manager.

### THE AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS, OR THE GIFT TO HUMANITY.

Back in 1924 when unrest prevailed among our people for lack of closer contact with negro fraternal organization, a new thought burst from the brains of a broad hearted negro man. That man was our own T. J. Huddleston, better known to us as "Cousin Tom." The thought through careful supervision and the co-operation of the people, became the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, or the gift to humanity.

Humanity, and especially the black sons and daughters of Ham, has suffered much from sickness and death for the lack of attention. It is true that man is his brother's keeper but declined to do so in a direct way. But in organized form humanity cares for humanity with practically no expense. Such has been the work of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters for the past eight years.

The Custodian, T. J. Huddleston, has operated the affairs of the order in such a manner as to win the hearts of all the people. No one would question the honesty of this giant in the fraternal world. Every law and every act are brought before the people for approval before enacting. Further proof of his ability as a leader is shown in his keen vision to suggest new laws that would pull the organization through the crisis. No one connected with the concern would dare make one step beyond that of the ordained leaders. It is the purpose of the writer to become a great man in the service of his people, but he has no desire to excel or equal the work and fame of Hon. T. J. Huddleston in the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. There is only one Tom Huddleston. A minor loss in a bank failure is the only financial difficulties in the history of the concern, and this was covered by taking fertile land from the institution. Panics and other financial affairs have not hindered its onward march.

Much of the endurance of the organization can be credited to Dr. L. T. Miller, President and Medical Director of the concern. His matchless skill in removing foreign growth from the human body and his scientific methods of aiding nature in making repairs in the human system, has caused thousands to cling on today for fear hospital attention will be needed tomorrow. With a beautiful and well equipped hospital building and a competent staff of nurses to back up his medical and surgical skill, it is no wonder his fame has covered the Southland. A big man is a wonderful man when he can forget his being big and mingle with the common people with perfect ease. Such a man will prosper in the sight of God and man. Dr. Miller is that type of man. It is not our purpose to idolize Dr. Miller, but let us pray that he live long and have good health to continue his service to his people.

The Afro-American Sons & Daughters is a great big family with satisfied members. Stay in the family in a financial way and use your influence to keep others in and bring in new ones. The organization is the one concern that never knocks or seeks to profit at the misfortune of others. It was not founded nor is it operated for profit. Its huge surplus came on the strength of being able to add new members in an overwhelming manner. Its official leaders are both religious and morally fit, and will come up to the standard of those of other concerns.

I. E. EDWARDS,  
Supreme Vice-President.

### AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS EXPECT BIG INCREASE 1934.

Dear Deputies: The Afro-American Sons & Daughters expect BIG INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP in 1934. With the creation of the CWA, NRA and the FER putting money in circulation the whole year round makes it easy for the people to get money. It is up to us to push the Afros until it is the largest fraternal organization in the U. S. I think every American citizen should give praise to the president of the U. S. for bringing us this far out of the depression, and we feel that he will lead us on to prosperity. We feel that 1934 is going to be a year of "PROSPERITY" and it is up to each Deputy, financial secretary, State Organizer, Supreme Inspector, to make this organization grow. We feel with your co-operation this will be one of the best years this organization has ever witnessed.

T. J. HUDDLESTON, JR.,  
Assistant Custodian.

### LETTERS TO DEPUTIES, STATE ORGANIZERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

All Deputies, State Organizers, Financial Secretaries are required to stress the \$200.00 contract as the best means of protection for 1934. In other words you may make a specialty of selling the \$200.00 policy. We must put \$5000 in force in the next twelve months.

Signed:  
T. J. HUDDLESTON, Custodian.

### SUPREME VICE-PRESIDENT WILL CELEBRATE HIS — (?) BIRTHDAY.



I. E. EDWARDS.

For the first time since boyhood I will celebrate my — (?) birthday on Feb. 14th. On this day I would like to have cards and letters from my friends, co-workers and others who are interested in me and my work. Personally, I feel that one's birthday is one of the greatest anniversaries that he or she can celebrate. Just how I will celebrate it is yet undetermined. However, I'll free myself from my daily work and dine with nearby friends. To do this, I'm asking each F. S. and President of each Lodge I have served in the past six years to send in at least one application and half of the joining fee to reach me on or before that day. In doing this the organization will not lose my service for that day. I answered your calls, hot or cold, rain or shine—night or day, for six years and feel that you should give me this bit of co-operation that requires such small efforts on your part, but means much to the organization. Let me hear from you. Wishing you a Prosperous and Happy New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
I. E. EDWARDS, Mound Bayou, Miss.

### T. J. HUDDLESTON, JR., MAKES A SUCCESSFUL OFFICE MANAGER.

No one can question the ability of T. J. Huddleston, Jr., as an office manager. Those of us on the field have noticed the quick response to correspondence. It is due to the active efforts of this young man. His quiet and friendly attitude is winning for him a host of friends. Being a chip from the old block and having a college education, he should be able to grasp and control great and greater affairs as years roll on. Correspondence from the office was at one time a minor complaint on the field, and we are happy to see that Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr., has that under control.

I. E. EDWARDS.

### AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS LEADING LODGE NO. 355, PICKENS, F. S., ELIJAH SOUTHERLAND.

Mr. Elijah Southerland, Pickens, Miss.—Dear Sir: It always pleases me to give praise to one who deserves it from hard earnest labor and co-operation.

I want to thank you sincerely and to compliment You and your Lodge Members of Pickens Lodge No. 355 for the accomplishment of so successful an undertaking in making the said Lodge the leading one in the Organization for the year 1933.

Mr. Southerland you are to be highly congratulated; but you could never have achieved such results without the sincere co-operation which you have given the work as Financial Secretary. It is such co-operation that will make the Afro-American Sons & Daughters go forward to greater achievement.

Hoping for You and the Lodge continued success throughout the year 1934.

Fraternally yours,  
T. J. HUDDLESTON, Custodian.

### A CITIZEN OF YAZOO CITY PASSES.

Mr. Albert Butler, a resident for many years of Yazoo City, departed this life Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, 1934. He was a member of the Tulane Baptist Church, of this city, pastored by Rev. J. P. Sanders. His funeral was held from Tulane Baptist Church Wednesday evening at 2:00 o'clock. Interment at Valley, Miss.

He leaves a devoted wife, Mrs. Julia Butler, a member of St. Stephens M. E. Church, and a teacher in Yazoo County for many years, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Any member who expects to receive tion in the Afro-American Sons & Da must be at least six months old in the ory have been some exceptions to old mem. time they have had plenty of time to c organization. From this date we must stitution. Be sure when coming for last receipt and we must insist th American Hospital Blank filled by physician, unless in cases of eme

### YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE ORGANIZATION LARGELY AWAKE DEPU

Since Dec. 1st, 1933, F. C. spector for the Afro-American So with Prof. M. C. Dukes, Prin. Ind been doing wonderful work in flower and adjoining count many lodges have been b of these two co-workers.

Lodges visited by the Lodge, Doddsville, Miss., Oal Holly Ridge, Shaw, Wood, a and Ir

We also find that this ganization has derful assistance to those in need and that this tion is making many new and dependable friends every day. In as much as it is stated in the book of books that man shall not live by bread alone so are we told by members and non-members that it will be hard to live out of this wonderful and most needed organization. So we are asking the co-operation of the whole race. A careful study of human history and the divine relation reveals the fact that God created the forces of races with a different purpose for each to accomplish. This fact is well established in biology and every phase of the scientific study of the race. This being true it does not matter how far a race may be from the natural habits it must pursue its God-given purpose discarding all other races at this time. Let us consider the construction to the negro race in its highest purpose of co-operation.

By F. C. HUDDLESTON.

### MR. CLISTER L. JOHNSON CONNECTED WITH CENTURY BURIAL ASSOCIATION, CLARKSDALE, MISS.

Mr. Clister L. Johnson, Supreme Lecturer of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, has been named one of the general agents for the Century Burial Association, of Clarksdale, Miss. In connection with his duties as a general agent for the Century Burial Association he will continue serving as Supreme Lecturer for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters.

Mr. Johnson has been working for the Century Burial Association for only one month. But, he has been successful in doing wonderful work in putting in members in this association. His ability as an orator and his personal contact considered to be due to his rapid progress. It is true that we cannot foretell the future of this young man but from all indications he is certain to be a great asset to the Century Burial Association.

### LETTER TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

Jan. 12, 1934.—Dear Financial Secretaries: Will you please let me thank You and your Lodge for your unselfish support and co-operation you gave through the entire year of 1933? But let us not spend too much time giving thanks and acknowledging same and let 1934 slip by without doing something better.

This year of 1934 You and I are going to make your Afro-American Sons & Daughters the largest Fraternal Insurance Company this side of the globe. It can grow—it must grow.

The Depression Doesn't Exist Any More. Now you may think you have done your part—you haven't done all that you could have done. Now is your chance to prove worthwhile secretaries.

If you want an Organization worthy of being mentioned let me know it, by helping me build the Afro-American Sons & Daughters back to its old landmark.

T. J. HUDDLESTON, Custodian.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Mr. Roosevelt Anderson is no more connected with the Afro-American Sons & Daughters and we are not responsible for any funds entrusted in his hands.

AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS.

T. J. HUDDLESTON, Custodian.